

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides an image forming apparatus including an image bearing member, a transfer member for transferring a toner image from  
5 the image bearing member, and a first contact portion and a second contact portion which can be mutually contacted for applying a voltage to the transfer member, the first contact portion having a convex portion, wherein the transfer member is pressed  
10 toward the image bearing member by a pressure exerted between the first contact portion and the second contact portion, and the convex portion has a hardness larger than that of the second contact portion. It is rendered possible to prevent an  
15 intrusion of toner or the like into the electrical contact portion, thus resulting in a contact failure.